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PRESIDENT: Yes sir.

SENATOR BARNETT: The amendment is handed to the Clerk. Vince, you've had all kinds of them in the last few days. This can't be that tough. Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I've talked to Senator George back here and Senator Fowler has been looking over our shoulder. We could, if you would like.... I'll get a copy of this sent out, but if they would take a minute I'd like to read what I would like to amend and then I'll bring it up to you, Vince. It's quite lengthy.

It says "in the non-classified area it's the intent of this Legislature to ensure a fair and impartial basis ... that this Legislature to ensure that all increases are given to deserving employees on a fair and impartial basis. To assure that this intent is carried out each department of the University, covered by this act, is directed to submit a report to the Legislature by no later than February 1977 detailing, by classification and number of employees each classification, the number of employees given merit increases, the average size of the merit increase and the total amount spent by classification for merit increases". I'd move for the adoption of that amendment. I would.... It's actually part (C) of the three part amendment we adopted for the state employees and the classified. This way, Senator George, I think we have a little bit of a compromise with Senator Marvel to find out where these increases are going. I'd move for the adoption of the amendment.

CLERK: Essentially what you're doing, the only change from that, as printed, is that you're changing "each agency covered by this act" to "each department of the University". Is that right?

SENATOR BARNETT: That's right.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President.

SENATOR BARNETT: I hope that's the right language. Somebody might be able to help me better. I think we want "each department" rather than something else.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, I'm quite willing to have this tried out another year. To make it easier could I then have unanimous approval to remove my amendment?

PRESIDENT: Would you repeat that, Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: I am in agreement with Senator Barnett. I'm quite willing to try this another year with this provision of Senator Barnett....

PRESIDENT: You support Senator Barnett's amendment?

SENATOR GEORGE: Yes. Therefore, I would like to have ... unanimous approval to remove my amendment.